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1. [REDACTED] and Messrs. [REDACTED] of the FE Division met with me to discuss the case of a man by the name of [REDACTED] from whom possibly \$1,000 has been withheld because of a theft in [REDACTED] for which he has been held pecuniarily liable. I explained to the group that I was unwilling to write off this amount based upon the threats of Mr. [REDACTED] that he would take legal action, see the President, etc. I did, however, tell Messrs. [REDACTED] that I would be more than glad to reconsider my previous decision if either they or Mr. [REDACTED] could supply any additional evidence upon which to base such a reconsideration. They agreed to do this and will have something back within the next few days.

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2. Discussed briefly with [REDACTED] a proposed organization for his Management Staff. He believes that the three principal area Management Officers should be grade GS-15's and that they should be backed up with grade GS-14's. However, he would like to establish a sliding scale for these positions which would run from, say, grade GS-12 through grade GS-14 so that he could promote as an individual became more competent. I told him that I thought there was precedent for this action and that I would support him in exploring it with the Office of Personnel.

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3. Ed Saunders telephoned to say that [REDACTED] wanted to go ahead with the construction of quarters totaling 21,000 square feet for senior officers on [REDACTED] but that he had told Ted he should submit a justification to him which would have to be forwarded to the Bureau of the Budget. I told Ed to send the justification to me when he got it and not to the Bureau of the Budget.

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4. Matt Baird telephoned to say that the houses which we purchased at [REDACTED] were no longer necessary due to the fact that housing had suddenly become plentiful in the area. We have two houses vacant now and it is difficult to persuade incoming personnel to take on the arrangement which we have. I told Matt that I was all for disposing of these houses as rapidly as possible, even if it meant a slight loss in our original investment.

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5. I interviewed Mr. [REDACTED] who is leaving for [REDACTED] to become the Administrative Officer at that station. I was very favorably impressed with Mr. [REDACTED] and anticipate that he will do a good job.

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6. Attended a Supergrade Review Board Meeting at which the following promotions were approved:

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- ONE, from grade GS-17 to GS-18
- ONE, from grade GS-17 to GS-18
- DDP/FI, from grade GS-16 to GS-17
- DDP/FI, from grade GS-16 to GS-17
- DDP/SE, from grade GS-15 to GS-16

The following actions were deferred for further consideration at a later date when Mr. Wisner could be present:

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- DDP/Admin, from grade GS-15 to GS-16
- DDP/FE, from grade GS-15 to GS-16

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7. Had lunch with [REDACTED] who is returning [REDACTED] after 25X1A6a which he will submit his resignation. He is quite bitter toward the Agency and feels that in the DD/P area he was lied to and double-crossed generally by everyone, including Mr. Wisner, with the exception of J. C. King. I, of course, expressed my regret that things had worked out this way and that he was leaving the Agency under these circumstances. However, I made it quite clear to him that I only knew his side of the story and that I, therefore, could not pass any judgment as to whether or not he had been fairly treated.

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8. Obtained the Director's signature on the request from [REDACTED] to use 25X1A9a up to \$10,000 from [REDACTED] funds to underwrite a portion of the cost of a certain legal case. However, the Director instructed me to verify with Tom that this was the [REDACTED] case and I will do this prior to releasing the paper.

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